

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace paragraph number [0006] with the following rewritten paragraph:

In order to achieve the above object, an element for use in an annular metal belt is disclosed, the annular metal belt transmitting torque between two pulleys each having a V-shaped groove, the element comprising a flank capable of making frictional contact with the V-shaped groove for transmission of torque. The flank comprises a plurality of threads disposed substantially parallel to one another and having a slight height relative to a dimension of the flank, wherein the top section of each thread is substantially planar.

Please replace paragraph number [0009] with the following rewritten paragraph:

FIG. 1 is a schematic sectional side view of a continuously variable transmission provided with a metal belt according to an embodiment. Herein elements and rings ~~ring~~ are partially shown.

Please replace paragraph number [0014] with the following rewritten paragraph:

FIG. 6A is a graph showing the oil discharge characteristics of comparative examples 1 and 2 and the discharge characteristics of the embodiment. FIG. 6B is a graph showing the contact surface area of comparative examples 1 and 2 and the contact surface area of the embodiment. FIG. 6C is a graph showing the frictional coefficient of ~~[[in]]~~ comparative examples 1 and 2 and the frictional coefficient of the embodiment.

Please replace paragraph number [0022] with the following rewritten paragraph:

Although the flank 10 is overall a substantially flat face, an indentation is provided which has a slight height/depth in comparison to the dimensions (length FL and width FW) of the flank. More precisely, the flank 10 is provided with a plurality of straight threads 20 which extend substantially parallel to one another. As shown in FIG. 3, a groove 21 is formed between adjacent threads 20, and thus the threads 20 and the grooves 21 are alternately disposed. The thread 20 extends substantially in the direction of movement of the element 2 and substantially in the direction of the width of the flank 10, as shown in FIG. 2B. Since the thread 20 is disposed across the entire width ~~[[FW]]~~ of the flank 10, the length of the thread 20 is substantially equal to the width FW of the flank 10 at a location where the thread 20 is disposed. Referring to FIG. 3, a flat contact face 22 with a surface roughness of 1

μm (micrometer) is formed on the tip of each thread 20. A plurality of contact faces 22 are positioned substantially on one common face "A" in a coplanar relationship. Each contact face 22 makes contact with the pulley disks 6, 7. The grooves 21 between the threads 20 function as a discharge groove for lubrication oil discharged from sections coming into contact when the contact face 22 of the threads 20 make contact with the pulley disks 6, 7.